

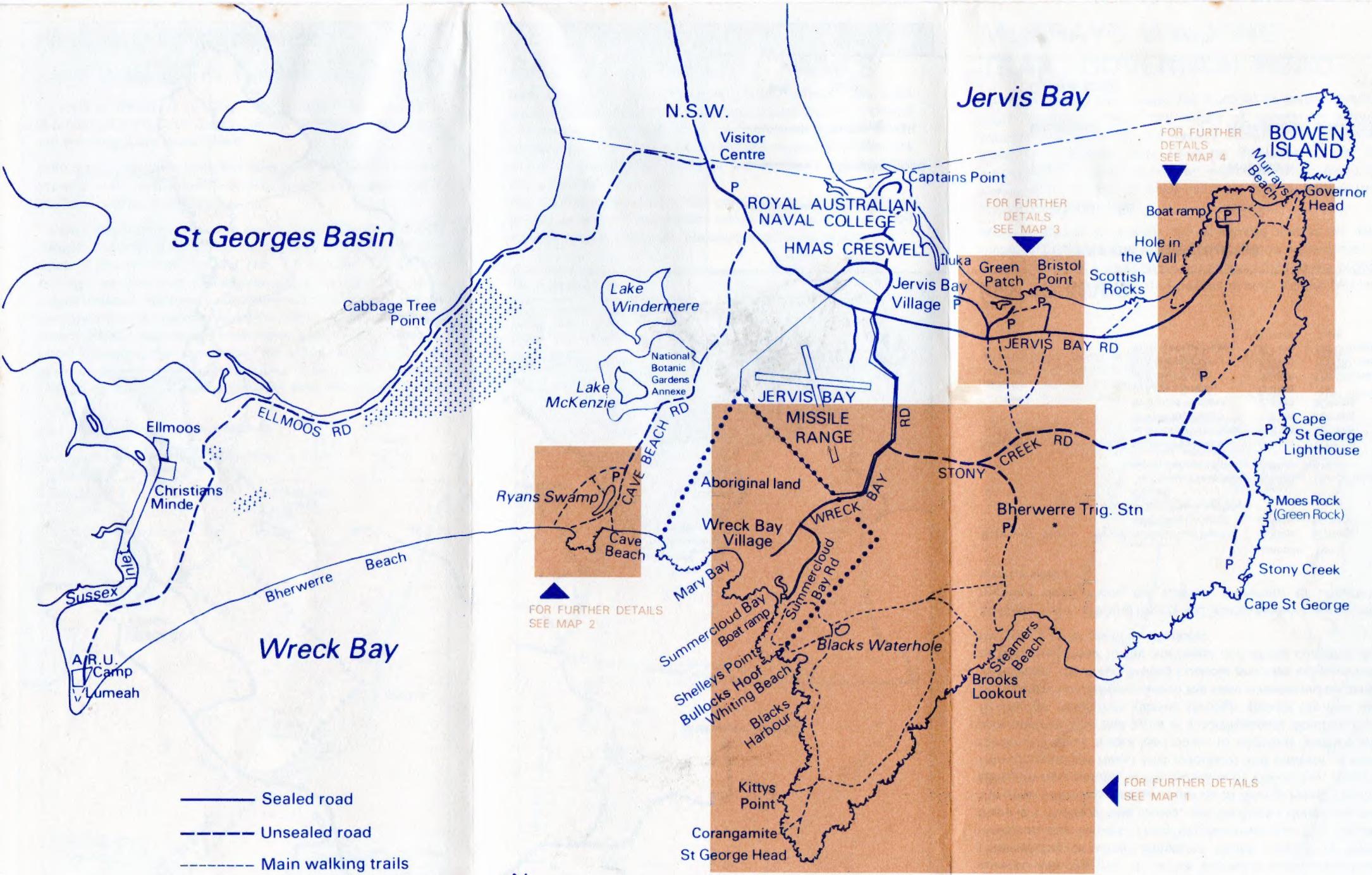


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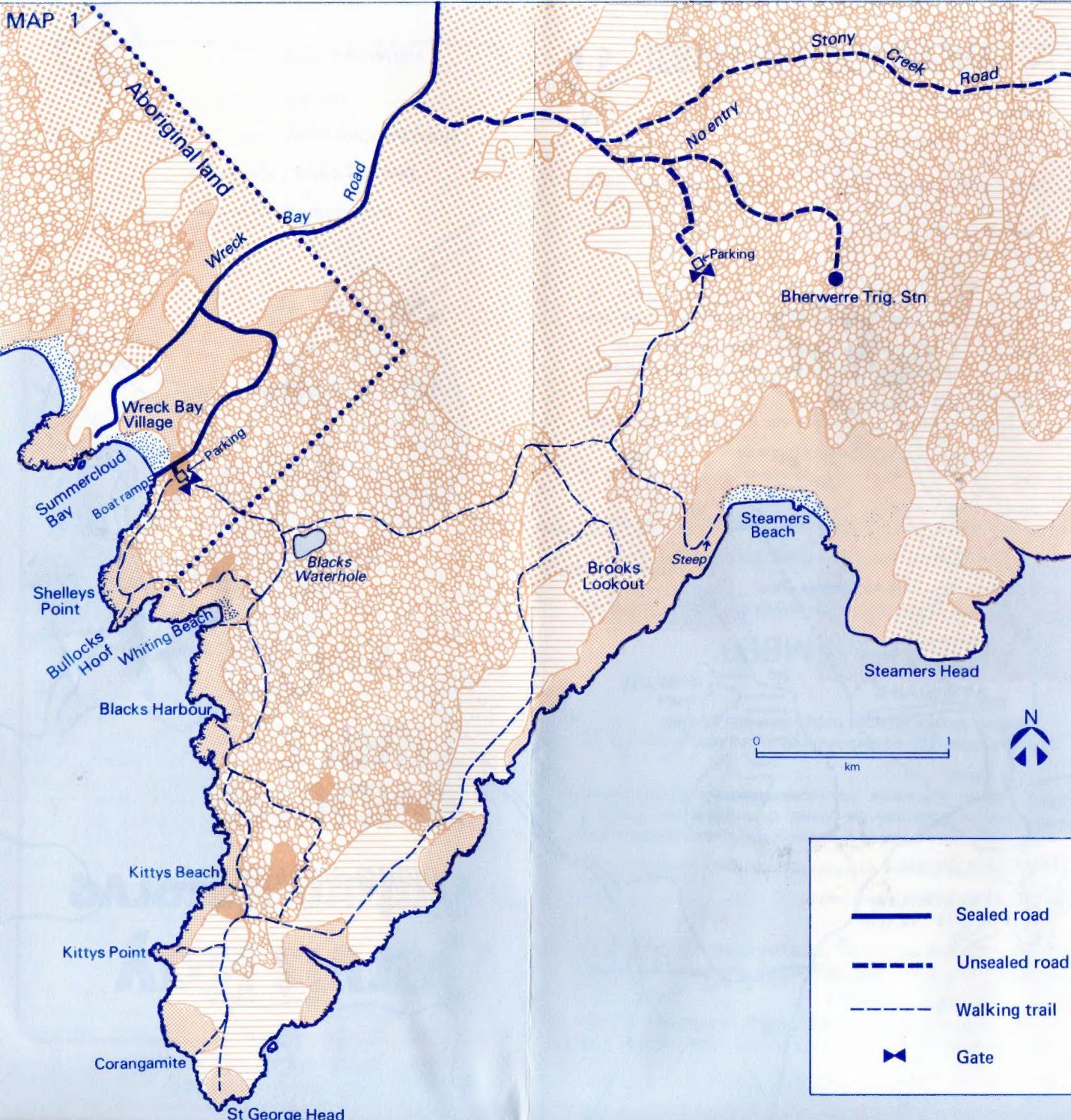
WALKING TRAILS





JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

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ST GEORGE HEAD/ STEAMERS BEACH

Steamers Beach is a magnificent isolated beach flanked at either end by high cliffs and backed by a steep sand dune covered with tea-tree. It can be reached along walking trails commencing at either Steamers Beach carpark or Summercloud Bay carpark. From the Summercloud Bay carpark there is a choice of two routes, one via Blacks Waterhole and the other following a longer route via St George Head. The latter route runs parallel to the coastline of Wreck Bay, passing through eucalypt forest and woodland and pockets of relict rainforest. Short tracks lead down to secluded beaches and rock shelves. The trail turns in a northeasterly direction from St George Head then passes through coastal tea-tree and heath communities from which the view is restricted by dense vegetation. However, Brooks Lookout provides superb views of Steamers Head to the northeast and of the coastline and hinterland as far south as Ulladulla.

Shelleys Point, Whiting Beach and Blacks Harbour are recommended destinations for walkers preferring to undertake shorter walks.

Stemers Beach	Distance	Time
carpark to Steamers Beach	2.3km	50mins
to Brooks Lookout	2.4km	50mins
to Summercloud Bay carpark		
via Blacks Waterhole	4.1 km	1 hr 30 mins
via St George Head	8.4km	4 hrs
Summercloud Bay carpark		
to Shelleys Point	0.5 km	10 mins
to Blacks Waterhole	0.8km	15 mins
to Whiting Beach	1.6 km	30 mins
to Blacks Harbour	2.4km	50 mins
to Kittys Beach	3.0km	1 hr
to Kittys Point	3.8km	1 hr 25 mins
to Corangamite	4.0km	1 hr 30 mins
to St George Head	4.1 km	1 hr 35 mins

KEY TO MAPS

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

	Sealed road		Rainforest relic		Heath
	Unsealed road		Forest		Wet heath
	Walking trail		Woodland		Revegetated grassland
	Gate		Coastal scrub		

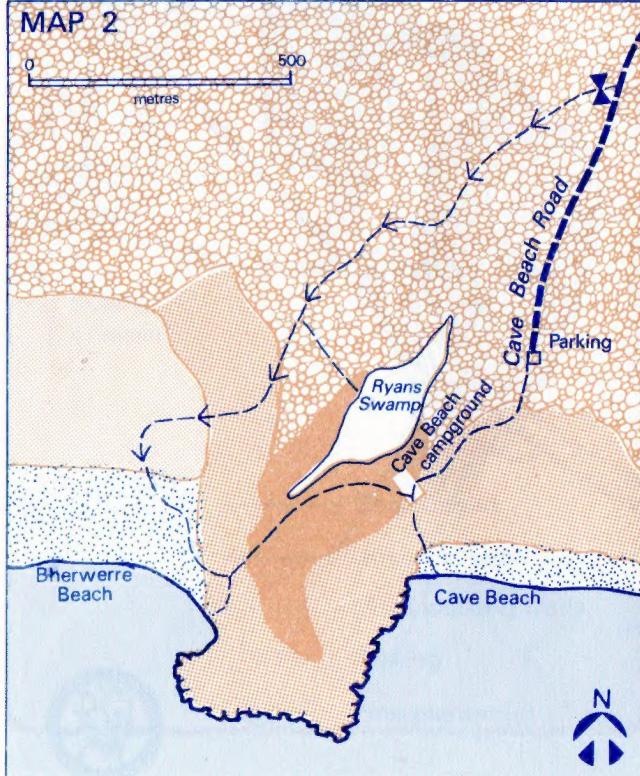
BHERWERRE BEACH/ CAVE BEACH CAMPGROUND

Bherwerre Beach is a long, south facing ocean beach approached from Cave Beach carpark or through forest and tea-tree from Cave Beach Road.

Both trails pass close to Ryans Swamp which, when flooded attracts many waterbirds including swamphens, egrets and ducks as well as birds of prey.

To take the longer route, leave your vehicle in the Cave Beach carpark and walk about 500m up the Cave Beach Road to the start of the fire trail. For the first 1.5 km the trail passes through tall blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) forest and then enters coastal tea-tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*) before descending to the revegetated sand dunes behind Bherwerre Beach. Please keep to the trails when crossing the dunes to avoid trampling the vegetation. An extensive planting programme was undertaken to stabilize these dunes. A leaflet describing this work can be obtained from the Visitor Centre.

	Distance	Time
Cave Beach carpark to Bherwerre Beach via fire trail	1.9 km	45 min
Cave Beach campground to Bherwerre Beach	0.4 km	10 min
Ryans Swamp from Bherwerre fire trail	0.2 km	5 min

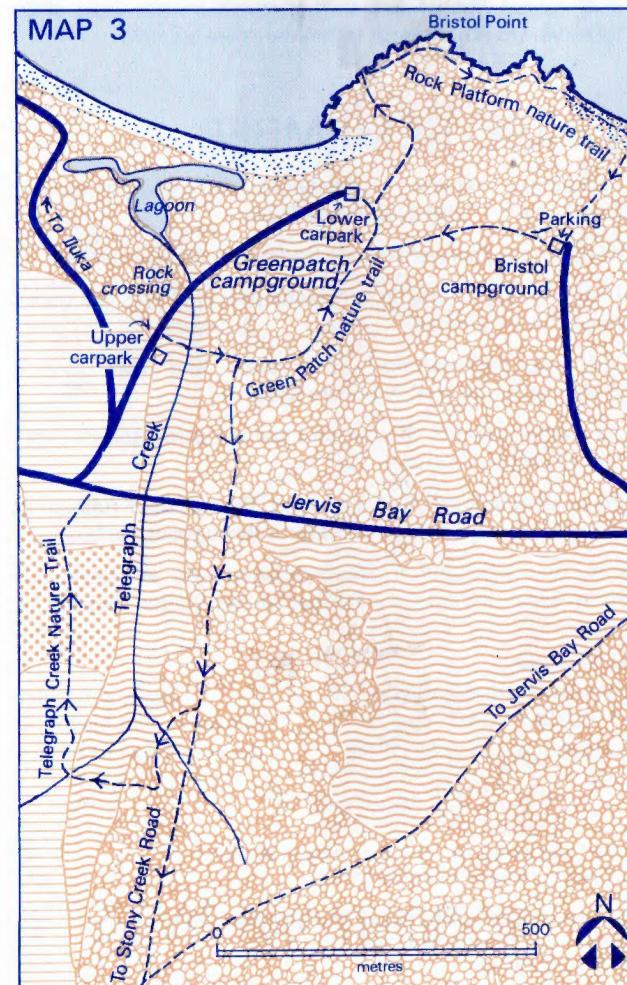


TELEGRAPH CREEK/GREEN PATCH WALKING TRAILS

Both Green Patch and Telegraph Creek nature trails pass through tall eucalypt forest and cross serene fern-lined creeks and swamps. Telegraph Creek trail continues through woodland and low heath providing a delightful display of wildflowers and attracting a wide variety of birdlife. Seats are provided along the trail.

The Rock Platform nature trail combines an easy and scenic ramble around the rocky shore with a short return bush stroll through mature blackbutt (*Eucalyptus pilularis*) forest.

	Distance	Time
Green Patch nature trail (follow white arrows)	0.7 km	20 min
Telegraph Creek nature trail (circular walk — follow orange arrows)	2.4 km	1 hr
Rock Platform nature trail (circular walk — follow yellow arrows)	1.4 km	45 min
Green Patch Beach to Bristol Point	0.4 km	10 min

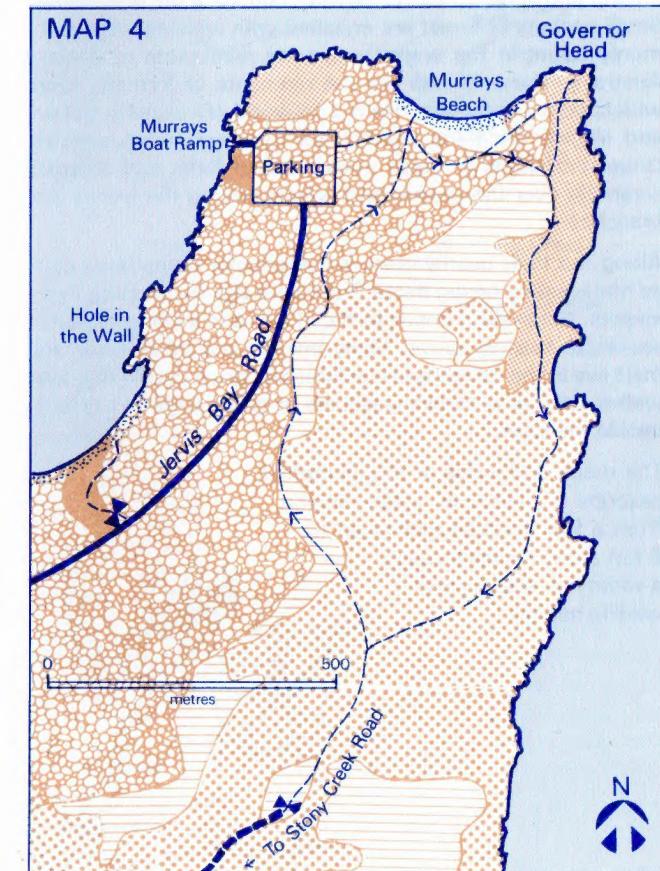


MURRAYS WALKING TRAIL/ GOVERNOR HEAD

Murrays walking trail passes for much of its length through open heathland where the height of vegetation seldom exceeds one metre. On the eastern section the trail passes close to sandstone cliffs towering 90-120m above the surging sea. Caution should be exercised when exploring these cliffs because of loose surfaces and crumbling rock ledges.

Murrays Beach is popular for swimming and is an ideal location to relax after completing the Murrays walking trail. A shorter alternative route to Governor Head follows the section of Murrays walking trail that passes directly behind Murrays Beach.

	Distance	Time
Murrays Beach carpark to Murrays Beach	0.3 km	5 min
Murrays Beach carpark to Governor Head	1.1 km	20 min
Murrays Beach carpark and return via sea cliffs circular walk	5.5 km	2 hrs 30 min



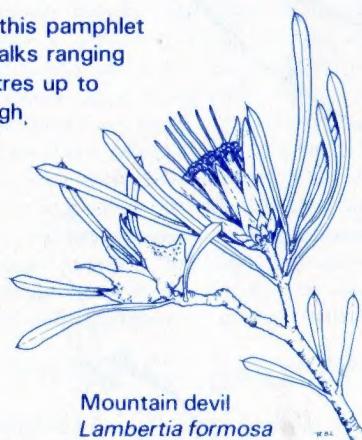
BUSHWALKING IN JERVIS BAY NATURE RESERVE

The gentle terrain, mild climate and well signposted trails of Jervis Bay Territory combine to provide easy walking conditions even for less experienced bushwalkers. The walks described in this pamphlet use trails providing access for patrolling rangers, other Reserve management staff and emergency purposes.

The Nature Reserve is an ideal place to observe the abundance of flowering plants and animals in the heath, forest and coastal tea-tree communities. The heaths grow on shallow soils, often less than one metre deep. They provide a spectacular and colourful floral display in spring. The forests and woodlands are found on deeper soils. Southern mahogany (*Eucalyptus botryoides*) and blackbutt (*E. pilularis*) are the dominant tree species in the forests and bloodwood (*E. gummifera*) and silvertop ash (*E. sieberi*) dominate the woodlands. Small pockets of forest are enriched with species more commonly found in the warm temperate rainforests of eastern Australia. These forests are the remnants of formerly more widespread rainforests. Hard corkwood (*Endiandra sieberi*) and lillypilly (*Acmena smithii*) are two such relict species. Under the shade of these trees mats of ferns and creepers scramble over the ground and weave among the trunks and branches.

Along the trails bushwalkers will encounter many birds such as honeyeaters taking nectar from banksias or catching flying insects, the eastern bristle bird and perhaps a white-breasted sea-eagle soaring above. Many insects and other small animals live in the foliage and leaf litter and occasionally the quiet walker will come across wallabies or grey kangaroos grazing beside the trails.

The maps and notes in this pamphlet describe a number of walks ranging from a few hundred metres up to 8 km along routes through a variety of scenery and wildlife habitat.



Mountain devil
Lambertia formosa

FOR YOUR SAFETY

- When undertaking walks in the more remote areas give details of your intended walk to someone or leave a note on the dashboard of your car.
- Times given in this pamphlet are for walking at a moderate pace. Allow extra time for rests and diversions taken on the way.
- Carry your own drinking water.
- Wear sturdy footwear rather than thongs or sandals.
- On days of total fire ban, bushwalking is not recommended and some trails may be closed. During summer, check at the Visitor Centre for the latest weather and fire hazard information.
- Both funnel-web spiders and venomous snakes occur in the Reserve. Do not attempt to handle these animals.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Camping is restricted to designated campgrounds at Cave Beach, Green Patch and Bristol Point.
- Entry to the Bherwerre Ridge Radar Station is prohibited.
- Fires may be lit only in fireplaces provided and not during days of total fire ban.
- The use and carriage of firearms and spearguns is prohibited in Jervis Bay Nature Reserve.
- All plants, animals, timber and soil are protected throughout Jervis Bay Territory.
- Place all rubbish in bins provided. Do not bury rubbish as animals may uncover and scatter it throughout the bush.

For further information about bushwalking in Jervis Bay Nature Reserve contact a Ranger at the Visitor Centre or write to:

The Manager
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JERVIS BAY 2540
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Banksia integrifolia flower

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